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1. I LUNCHEDED WITH WECKMANN MARCH 26. HE HAD HOPED SCHAUFLELE
COULD ALSO BE PRESENT TO PICK UP THREADS OF GOOD RELATIONSHIP
THEY HAD ESTABLISHED DURING SC CYPRUS DEBATE.

2. WECKMANN HAD SEEN MAKARIOS AND DENKTASH THIS MORNINV.

3. WECKMANN BRIEFED MAKARIOS ON STATUS OF HIS EFFORTS GET TALKS
RESUMED. MAKARIOS WAS GENERALLY PROPHECYING GLOOM BUT HAD LITTLE
TO SAY OTHER THAN THAT GIVEN FEBRUARY 13 TURKISH DECLARATION OF
FTSC IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FOR HIM TO ATTEND CEREMONIAL RE-
SUMPTION OF TALKS, AS HE HAD ONCE SAID HE WOULD. THIS WAS BE-
CAUSE IF DENKTASH WERE PRESENT HIS ATTENDANCE WOULD BE PLAYED
UP BY TURKS AS REFLECTING ALLEGED EQUALITY OF "TWO PRESIDENTS."
COMMENT: NONATTENDANCE BY MAKARIOS, IN TURN, COULD CAUSE DENKTASH
TO HAVE SECOND THOUGHTS ABOUT HIS WILLINGNESS PARTICIPATE FOR AS
LONG AS SYG IS PRESENT (FOLLOWING PARA). END COMMENT.

4. DENKTASH WAS MORE INFORMATIVE (AND SINCE IT WAS RIGHT DOWN
THE LINES OF ESENBEL CONVERSATION WITH AMBASSADOR MACOMBER, REF
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B, HE WAS OBVIOUSLY ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS). HE FLATLY REJECTED

THE GENEVA VENUE BUT COUNTERED WITH VIENNA, ROME, "OR ANY OTHER EUROPEAN CITY THAT DOES NOT HAVE A CYPRUS EMBASSY." HE SAID TURKS WANTED TO GET NEGOTIATION STARTED BEFORE DATE OF APRIL 21 ORIGINALLY PROPOSED BY SYG. HE REQUESTED APRIL 10. HE WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE, AS REQUESTED BY SYG, BUT ONLY FOR AS LONG AS LATTER WAS PRESENT. WHEN SYG LEFT, HE WOULD LEAVE THE NEGOTIATION IN CHELIK'S HANDS.

5. WECKMANN COMMENTED TO ME THAT TURKISHMGROPOSAL FOR APRIL 10 IS DISINGENUOUS. TURKS, HE THINKS, MUST KNOW VERY WELL THAT WALDHEIM IS AVAILABLE APRIL 10 BUT ONLY FOR 48 HOURS ENROUTE FROM PRAGUE TO NEW YORK. THIS FITS THEIR CONCEPT OF LIMITING SYG'S ROLE.

6. WECKMANN HAD TOLD DENKTASH THAT HE WOULD PUT THE SUGGESTION FOR A NEW STARTING DATE TO SYG AND GOC. HOWEVER, HE DID NOT THINK IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE UNLESS COUPLED, IN AN EVENTUAL COMMUNIQUE ON RESUMPTION, WITH A STATEMENT THAT SYG WOULD RETURN TO NEGOTIATING LOCATION ON APRIL 21 FOR A LONGER PERIOD TO ASCERTAIN PROGRESS MADE IN INTERIM AND BE HELPFUL. WECKMANN REMINDED DENKTASH OF WALDHEIM'S PROMISE TO THE PARTIES THAT HE COULD MAKE HIMSELF PERSONALLY AVAILABLE FOR 15 DAYS FOLLOWING APRIL 21. DENKTASH REPLIED THAT HE WOULD HAVE TO GO BACK TO ANKARA ON THIS. WECKMANN TOLD DENKTASH THAT HE DISAPPROVED IDEA OF LEAVING CHELIK TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATION AFTER CEREMONIAL OPENING. THIS WOULD FORCE GOC PULL OUT CLERIDES AND LATTER WANTED TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY ON BEHALF OF GREEK CYPRIOTS.

7. ON BASIS OF HIS EARLIER CONVERSATIONS, WECKMANN THINKS GOC WILL BE WILLING FALL BACK TO VIENNA OR ACCEPT LAUSANNE (AN IDEA FLOATED BY WECKMANN TO ENABLE SYG BE NEAR GENEVA AND HIS FACILITIES THERE) AND THAT WE CAN THEREFORE REGARD VENUE ISSUE AS VIRTUALLY RSOLVED. HOWEVER, SINCE GOC HAS GIVEN WAY ON EVERY OTHER POINT, HE DOES NOT THINK IT CAN ACCEPT STRINGENT LIMIT ON SYG'S ROLE IMPLICIT IN TURKISH PROPOSAL FOR APRIL 10 AND CONSIDERS THAT THERE WILL HAVE TO BE, AS HE NOTED WITH DENKTASH, SOME REFERENCE TO SYG'S REINVOLVEMENT AFTER APRIL 21.

8. WECKMANN IS SEEING CLERIDES AFTERNOON MARCH 26 TO CONVEY THE SECRET

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TURKISH SUGGESTIONS ON REVISED TIMING AND VENUE AND DISCUSS THE PROBLEM OF SYG ROLE.

9. WECKMANN REGARDS IT AS ESSENTIAL TO TRY TO GET MAIN INGREDIENTS OF AN ACCORD HAMMERED OUT BEFORE SYG IS OBLIGED BY OTHER DUTIES TO CUT OUT AT EXPIRATION OF STIPULATED 15-DAY PERIOD FOLLOWING APRIL 21. PARTIES' NOSES, HE CONSIDERS, SHOULD BE KEPT TO THE GRINDSTONE IN THIS OFF-ISLAND NEGOTIATION, WITH A LATER

RETURN OF THE TALKS TO NICOSIA ONLY TO CLEAR UP DETAILS.

10. SINCE TURKISH EMBASSY HERE AS WELL AS ESENBEL HAD TOLD US GREEKS RESPONSIBLE FOR NOT WANTING TO START TALKS EARLY, I ASKED WECKMANN IF THE RECORD SHOWED ANY INDICATION OF THIS. HE SAID NONE: APRIL 21 WAS SYG'S PROPOSAL BECAUSE OF HIS OPEN CALENDAR AT THAT TIME.
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